

STANDISH ROAD NCD STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015, 9:00 A.M.
WELLESLEY TOWN HALL – JULIANI ROOM

MINUTES

Study Committee present: Naomi Cameron, Catherine Johnson, Gerry Murphy, Helen Robertson, Michael Scholl

Also present: Ann Doyle, Jan Albrecht, Jaclyn Harris

1. Call to Order

Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes for the 4/15/2015 meeting were approved by unanimous vote. The minutes for 4/29/15 are still in rough draft form and not ready for approval.

3. Discussion of 1938 & 1940 subdivision maps

There was an examination of maps of the neighborhood subdivisions from 1938 and 1947. The initial (western) section of the neighborhood was subdivided in 1938: it covered the upper portion of Standish Road to just past the circle at Priscilla, the top portions of Carver Road and Priscilla Road and Brewster Road in its entirety. The second section of the subdivision (1940) was the lower portion of Standish Road, connecting Standish to Oakland Street. The third section of the subdivision (1947) covered the lower ends of Carver Road and Priscilla Road as well as the entirety of both Winslow Road and Dudley Road.

These maps come from the Norfolk County Registry in Dedham. The image quality is poor, but we will try to get better images. Note: the outline of the old icehouse that served Longfellow Pond is shown straddling Dudley Road.

The neighborhood was a quick, planned expansion, representative of a stime when the Town was more deeply involved in planning neighborhoods.

Also included with the maps, but not discussed, was a map identifying which neighborhood houses were designed or possibly designed by Royal Barry Wills and which ones may be derivative.

The maps will be included in the Appendix of the Study Report, with written explanations.

4. Old/New Business

Responsibility assignments for specific parts of the report were given. Ms. Robertson will write the architecture section. Mr. Scholl will write the financial/data

section. Mr. Murphy will write the case for establishment. The Study Committee will do edits during meetings for grammar but also tone and recommendations for rewrites.

Mr. Scholl reported that he has been examining studies of historic districts and NCD data from around the country, with over 1000 pages of material studied. He extended an invitation to the residents in attendance, noting that he had asked some of them at earlier meetings to share data they had studied as well as their concerns, to present information at a neighborhood meeting. The residents in attendance indicated that this would “taken under advisement”.

Ms. Johnson said that she inadvertently omitted “Citizen Speak” on the Agenda, but asked if anyone in the audience had any comments to make. There were no comments.

5. The meeting was adjourned by 9:18 a.m.